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**Hazardous Waste Dumped in Mission Bay Park**

***City Attorney Seeks Public Help Catching Perpetrators***

We need your help!

The San Diego City Attorney's Office is looking for the person(s) who recently dumped hazardous waste in Mission Bay Park. Over 140 five-gallon buckets filled with latex paint were illegally dumped, sometime between Saturday, February 15, 1997, and Sunday, February 16, 1997. The paint buckets were abandoned in over 30 dumpsters at the following locations: DeAnza Cove, Ski Beach, North Tecolote, Playa Pacifica, and Crown Point.

According to County Environmental Health officials, latex paint can contain heavy metals, biocides, and other organic compounds harmful to both human health and the environment. It must be properly disposed of as a hazardous waste. If you have any information that might help us catch and prosecute those responsible for this dumping incident, please call Special Investigator Nancy Riikonen at 654-4105.

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